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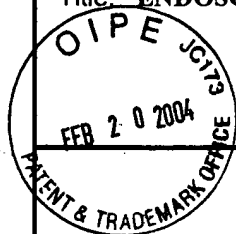
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2. ☐ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

☐ the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

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☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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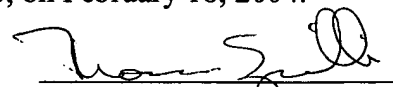
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,885,208, dated March 23, 1999, issued to Moriyama;
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 9-276244, published October 28, 1997 together with an English language abstract; and
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-42206, published February 16, 1999 together with an English language abstract.

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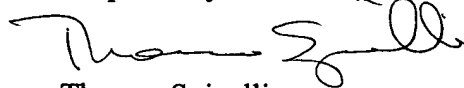
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The references were cited in a Search Report dated October 25, 2002 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of references 2 and 3, together with a copy of the Search Report. Reference 1 is not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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